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REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 5132

B. KUALA LUMPUR 4798

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D. KUALA LUMPUR 4495

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1. SUMMARY: DURING PARLIAMENT QUESTION PERIOD NOV 28, PRIME MINISTER RAZAK REAFFIRMED GOM SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE, CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS, AND AGREED WITH ARAB "OIL WAR" AGAINST PRO-ISRAELI NATIONS. PM ALSO SAID HE CALLED IN AMBASSADOR TO PERSUADE US TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL. ON QUESTION OF AID TO ARABS, PM NOTED GOM HAS SENT M\$50,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES BUT DID NOT ENVISAGE GIVING FINANCIAL OR OTHER ASSISTANCE; HE ALSO SAID EMBARGO OF TEN AND RUBBER SALES TO ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE AND WOULD ONLY HARM MALAYSIA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PARLIAMENT NOV 28, PM RAZAK REITERATED PREVIOUS GOM PRO- NOUNCEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST WAR (REFS C AND D) AND CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN CONFORMITY WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. HE ADDED THAT ISRAEL ALSO REFUSED ABIDE BY OCT 22 SECURITY COUNCIL RES RE CEASEFIE LINES "IN ORDER TO SEIZE MORE ARAB TERRITORY". ON "OIL WAR", HE SAID "WE SUPPORT MEASURES TAKEN BY ARABS INCLUDING USE OF THEIR OIL IN THEIR ENDEAVOR TO REGAIN TERRITORIES ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL". RE GOM POSITION, PM SAID THAT ARABS "UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE" GOM'S POLICY. HE CONTINUED: "AS RELATIVELY SMALL COUNTRY, THERE IS LITTLE MORE THAT WE CAN DO EXCEPT EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT AND SOLIDAR- ITY, AS WE HAVE DONE, AND OFFER SUCH ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED". HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION DONATION OF M\$50,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ARABS.

3. ON ROLE OF US, PM SAID HE CALLED IN AMBASSADOR (REF B) TO EXPRESS GOM CONCERN AND THAT US SHOULD USE INFLUENCE TO MAKE ISRAEL "ACCEPT JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH VARIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS".

4. ANSWERING SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS, PM SAID THAT GOM DOES NOT PLAN ADDITIONAL AID TO ARABS; HE NOTED "WE DO NOT GIVE MONEY BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY DO NOT LACK FUNDS". HE ALSO SAID GOM WOULD NOT EMBARGO TIN AND RUBBER SALES TO ISRAEL BECAUSE MOVE WOULD ONLY ADVERSELY AFFECT MALAYSIA.

5. COMMENT: FOREGOING STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS GOM STANCE, EXCEPT FOR NEW ENDORSEMENT OF ARAB "OIL WAR". HIS MENTION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(REF B) ON US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ALSO ACCORDS WITH HIS DESIRE TO GET ON RECORD WITH US IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TELL PARLIAMENT HE HAD DONE SO. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT, HERE AGAIN AS IN PREVIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, RAZAK HAS AVOIDED ANY CRITICISMS OF US ROLE IN ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. PM DID NOT MENTION ASEAN STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST (REF E) BUT HE MAY BE QUIZZED ON THIS LATER IN PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.
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